

Citizen Summit Neighborhood Comments
Ward 3 : North Cleveland Park - Forest Hills

Neighborhood input collected through laptop computers at the Citizen Summit.

001 Reduce traffic and increase businesses in Van Ness valley. Get more diverse and independent retail. Make retail work between Van Ness and Albermarle. Increase pedestrian traffic. Prevent location of Jewish community day school in neighborhood because of safety, traffic concerns and need for better planned development. Better integration of minorities into neighborhood. Make sure more development does not compromise cleanliness and safety of neighborhood. Better integrate UDC into community by using it for arts and cultural activities. Make a historical tour of DC and mark landmarks. Get more and better restaurants. Provide more trees for forest hills. Find ways to involve UDC students in community. Improve roads.

Top 4-6 priorities:

1. Diverse, independent retail including good restaurants.
2. More input into mayor's office of planning and strengthen the capacity and commitment for neighborhood planning.
3. Improve road conditions.
4. Provide more resources to UDC for public and community outreach so that it may become a better neighbor.
5. Maintain and preserve green spaces and trees and identify historic landmarks.
6. Develop pedestrian friendly strategies due to traffic and construction. Separately, the group wants to reiterate goal 2 under "building and sustaining healthy neighborhoods." In addition, the dangers of unplanned development makes sound neighborhoods vulnerable. While we embrace the focus of blighted neighborhoods, it should not occur at the expense of healthy neighborhoods.

002 1. Prevent over-development in residential areas.

2. Improve public safety, including investigating use of DC Fire Department rescue unit.
3. Invest in UDC - as an institution contributing to both the city and the neighborhood.
4. Improve traffic flow and parking. Coordinate disruptive street work.
5. Encourage small retail businesses around the Van Ness Metro.
6. Improve and maintain physical environment (greenery, architecture).

IMPORTANT NOTE: In view of the fact that the Connecticut Avenue corridor contains one of the greatest concentrations of seniors in the country, the needs of the elderly **MUST** be considered in the Mayor's budget.